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POL/ECON Counselor delivered reftel demarche January 29 to Ambassador Bernard Tanoh Boutchoue, Director of the Office of United Nations and Specialized Institutions Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Boutchoe assured us that Cote d'Ivoire would support the draft charter, but said he had heard that with all the other urgent matters on the agenda for that day's AU Summit, they might not have time to discuss it. He promised to call the Foreign Minister at the summit to relay the U.S.message of support for the charter. Hooks